

# Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 03/20/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Updated search history.

  
**ANH PHUNG**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

***Allowance***

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's Amendment, filed 20 March 2006.

The changes and remarks disclosed therein were considered.

2. Claims 1-8 are pending in the application.
3. Claims 1-8 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

There is no teaching or suggestion in the prior art to provide:

**“providing a plurality of predetermined digit currents  $I_D$  in parallel in the plurality of digit lines at a predetermined digit line voltage  $V_D$  for the plurality of magnetic memory cells at substantially the same time as the bit line current  $I_B$ , the plurality of digit currents and the bit line current allowing the plurality of magnetic memory cells to be written to a plurality of states in parallel, wherein the total power supplied to the plurality of magnetic memory cells during writing is  $I_B V_B + N I_D V_D$ , where  $N$  is the number of digit lines”** in a method for programming a plurality of magnetic memory cells as claimed in the independent claim 1. Claims 2-4 are also allowed because of their dependency on claim 1; or

**“write circuit configured to provide a predetermined bit line current  $I_B$  in the bit line at a predetermined bit line voltage  $V_B$  and to provide a plurality of predetermined digit currents  $I_D$  in parallel in the plurality of digit lines at a predetermined digit line voltage  $V_D$  in parallel at substantially the same time as the bit line current  $I_B$ , the plurality of digit currents and the bit line current allowing the plurality of magnetic memory cells to be written to**

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**a plurality of states in parallel, wherein the total power supplied to the plurality of magnetic memory cells during writing is  $I_B V_B + N I_D V_D$ , where N is the number of digit lines”** in a magnetic memory as claimed in the independent claim 5. Claims 6-8 are also allowed because of their dependency on claim 5.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

### ***Conclusion***

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Pho M. Luu whose telephone number is 571.272.1876. The examiners can normally be reached on M-F 8:00AM – 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner’s Supervisor, Richard Elms, can be reached on 571.272.1869. The official fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703.872.9306 for all official communications.

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